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USDEL NO. 34

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: WCIWY: ISRAELI CREDENTIALS

1. USDEL HAS PICKED UP RUMORS, ALBEIT VAGUE, THAT ARABS AND OTHER NON-ALIGNED DELS MAY CHALLENGE ISRAELI CREDENTIALS WHEN CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT IS PRESENTED IN PLENARY SESSION, POSSIBLY JULY 1 OR 2. PRO FORMA REPORT HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED BY COMMITTEE WITHOUT ISRAELI PROBLEM BEING RAISED. WE UNAWARE AT THIS POINT WHETHER MOVE WOULD BE SYMBOLIC AND WITHOUT PRACTICAL EFFECT ON ISRAELI PARTICIPATION, OR WHETHER ISRAELI REPS WOULD ACTUALLY BE SUSPENDED.

2. USDEL WOULD OF COURSE VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE AND VOTE AGAINST ANY SUCH MOVES.

3. IN ADDITION, HOWEVER, DEPT SHOULD CONSIDER GUIDANCE FOR USDEL IN CONTINGENCY THAT WCIWY PLENARY TAKES ACTION WITH EFFECT OF ACTUALLY SUSPENDING ISRAELI DEL FROM REMAINING DAY OR TWO OF CONFERENCE. USDEL AWARE THAT US WITHDRAWAL FROM UN CONFERENCE WHICH WAS OUR INITIATIVE WOULD BE MAJOR STEP. MOREOVER, OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE ON WOMEN'S ISSUES (IN FORM OF WORLD PLAN OF ACTION) VERY LIKELY WILL BE SUPPORTIVE OF US OBJECTIVES ON WOMEN'S ISSUES INTERNATIONALLY AND SHOULD IMPACT FAVORABLY ON MOST US NGOS. THUS USDEL BELIEVES STRONGLY THAT USG SHOULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH THESE RESULTS, ASSUMING

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THEY EMERGE SATISFACTORILY FROM CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS OVER

THIS WEEKEND. ON OTHER HAND, WE RECOGNIZE THAT CREDIBILITY OF OUR APPROACH AGAINST EFFORTS TO EXCLUDE ISRAEL FROM FUTURE CONFERENCES, INCLUDING 30TH UNGA, WILL BE AFFECTED BY POSITION WE TAKE HERE.

4. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, USDEL WILL FIRST BE EXPLORING FEASIBILITY OF DELAYING REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE TO LATEST POSSIBLE MOMENT. IN MEANTIME, ANY GUIDANCE DEPT MAY WISH TO FURNISH ON CONTINGENCY BASIS WOULD BE APPRECIATED AND MIGHT ALSO BE USED DISCREETLY AND WHERE APPROPRIATE (E.G. WITH GOM HOSTS) WITH AIM OF WARDING OFF ANY ARAB INITIATIVE.
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